

REMARKS

By this paper, Applicants have amended claim 1 and have withdrawn claims 11, 12, 14, 16-18, and 12. Accordingly, after entry of this paper, claims 1-10, 13, 19, and 20 are pending examination.

Restriction Requirement

The claims have been subjected to a restriction requirement based on an alleged lack of unity. The claims have been restricted to one of the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-10, 13, 19, and 20;

Group II: claims 11, 12, 17, 18, and 21;

Group III: claim 14; and

Group IV: claim 16.

While not necessarily agreeing with the basis for the restriction requirement or the interpretation of Carter (WO 2002/05645) as described in the Office Action, to expedite examination Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I for prosecution on the merits.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP's deposit account no. 50-0310 (order no. 63572-5001-US). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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